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NO. 1. POPULATION OF CAPITAL CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS : AUSTRALIA.

This Bulletin contains the first results of the Census of 30th June, 1954, and shows the population of the capital cities and principal towns of each State of Australia, with comparative data for the previous Census in 1947. The 1954 results herein are being issued at a comparatively early stage in an interim form, as they are derived from the initial Field Count and may, in some cases, be subject to considerable amendment on completion of tabulation.

Bulletins will be issued at intervals over the next two weeks showing Census 1954 populations on the basis of Field Count for -

- (a) All Towns with a population of 1,000 or more at the Census of 1954
- (b) All Shires, District Councils and Road Districts
- (c) Individual States and Territories

Many changes have been made both in Local Government boundaries and in urban boundaries for Census purposes since 1947. To facilitate comparison of growth in such cases, the population of each city and town is shown for both 1947 and 1954, first on the basis of the boundaries used at the Census of 1947. This is followed by the population in 1954 of the areas added since 1947. The total population on 1954 boundaries is then shown.

POPULATION OF CAPITAL CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS
 (Exclusive of Full-blood Aboriginals)

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City or Town	1947 Census	1954 Census		
		1947 Census Boundaries	Areas added since 1947	Total - 1954 Boundaries

CAPITAL CITIES.

Sydney and Suburbs	1,484,004	1,571,739	289,946	1,861,685
Melbourne and Suburbs	1,226,409	1,402,292	120,638	1,522,930
City of Brisbane	402,030	501,871	..	501,871
Adelaide and Suburbs	382,454	484,093	..	484,093
Perth and Suburbs (a)	272,528	348,543	..	348,543
Hobart and Suburbs	76,534	91,593	3,630	95,223
Canberra	15,156	28,277	..	28,277
Darwin	2,538	5,520	2,527	8,047

(a) Includes Fremantle and Suburbs except for a population of 2,314 persons located outside the metropolitan area.

Census Field Count, 1954.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.				
Sydney and Suburbs	1,484,004	1,571,739	289,946	1,861,685
Newcastle Urban Area	127,138	134,057	44,029	178,086
Greater Wollongong (b)	62,960	90,811	..	90,811
Broken Hill	27,054	31,355	..	31,355
City of Blue Mountains (c)	21,316	22,952	..	22,952
Maitland	19,151	21,328	..	21,328
Wagga Wagga	15,340	17,333	1,910	19,243
Goulburn	15,991	17,438	1,723	19,161
Orange	13,780	15,326	2,936	18,262
Penrith (d)	11,641	17,909	..	17,909
Lismore	15,214	17,370	..	17,370
Albury	14,412	16,779	..	16,779
Bathurst	11,871	13,174	2,913	16,087
Lithgow	14,461	15,123	..	15,123

(b) From 24th September, 1947, the Municipalities of Illawarra North and Wollongong and the Shires of Bulli and Illawarra Central were united to form the City of Greater Wollongong. The population of all these areas in 1947 is shown in the table.

(c) From 1st October, 1947, the Municipalities of Blackheath and Katoomba and the Shire of Blue Mountains were united to form the City of Blue Mountains. The population of all these areas in 1947 is shown in the table.

(d) In September, 1947, the Municipalities of Castlereagh, Penrith, St. Mary's and part of Nepean Shire were amalgamated. The figure shown for 1947 is the total of the three municipalities. The 1954 population of the portion of the Nepean Shire included in the 1954 figure is 1,048 persons.

VICTORIA.

Melbourne and Suburbs	1,226,409	1,402,292	120,638	1,522,930
Geelong and Suburbs	* 44,561	* 51,425	21,175	72,600
Ballaarat and Suburbs	40,181	43,143	4,817	47,960
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Yallourn North				1,457
Moe				8,760
Morwell				9,041
Newborough				3,655
Traralgon				8,830
Total	(e)	..	..	37,341
Bendigo and Suburbs	30,779	33,414	3,495	36,909
Mildura	9,527	10,967	..	10,967
Warrnambool	9,993	10,859	..	10,859
Shepparton	7,914	9,656	1,187	10,843
Wangaratta	6,670	10,724	..	10,724

(e) 1947 figures comparable to the 1954 figures are not available.

* Municipalities of Geelong, Geelong West and Newtown and Chilwell only.

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QUEENSLAND.				
City of Brisbane	402,030	501,871	..	501,871
Toowoomba	33,290	40,613	2,516	43,129
Rockhampton	34,988	40,674	..	40,674
Townsville	34,109	40,560	..	40,560
Ipswich	26,218	31,034	7,906	38,940
Cairns	16,644	21,018	..	21,018
Bundaberg	15,926	19,218	762	19,980
South Coast (f)	12,483	19,689	..	19,689
Maryborough	14,395	16,824	1,159	17,983
Mackay	13,486	14,772	..	14,772

(f) Formed by the amalgamation of the Towns of Coolangatta and Southport and part of the Shire of Nerang. The figure shown for 1947 is the total of the two towns. The 1954 population of the portion of the Nerang Shire included in the 1954 figure is 2,162 persons.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Adelaide and Suburbs	382,454	484,093	..	484,093
Port Pirie	12,019	14,233	..	14,233
Mount Gambier	6,771	8,972	1,361	10,333
Whyalla	7,845	8,587	..	8,587
Port Augusta	4,351	6,699	..	6,699

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Perth and Suburbs (g)	272,528	348,543	..	348,543
Fremantle and Suburbs	27,934	32,125	15,218	47,343
Kalgoorlie and Suburbs	22,376	20,126	2,691	22,817
Bunbury	6,240	6,713	3,175	9,888
Collie	4,507	5,547	3,143	8,690
Albany	4,759	6,101	2,260	8,361
Geraldton	5,972	7,437	885	8,322

(g) Includes Fremantle and Suburbs except for a population of 2,314 persons located outside the metropolitan area.

TASMANIA.

Hobart and Suburbs	76,534	91,593	3,630	95,223
Launceston and Suburbs	40,442	(h)	(h)	49,302
Burnie	7,235	10,634	561	11,195
Devonport	7,497	9,979	619	10,598
Ulverstone	3,432	4,506	501	5,007

(h) Not yet available

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

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NORTHERN TERRITORY

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